Eruption of the Mountain *Veſuvius*, not ſunk by Earthquakes, as were *Cuma*, *Baia*, *Trepergola*, &c.

Naples, *March* 7. 1731-2.

Signed,

William Hammond.

SIR,

In purſuance to your Deſire, the above Account is tranſmitted me by my Partner, about the City you mentioned under-ground near *Naples*.

I am very reſpectfully,

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,

John Green.

XIII. *An Account of a* Meteor *ſeen in the Air in the Day-time, on* Dec. 8. 1733; *communicated by Mr.* Crocker *to Sir* Hans Sloane, *Bart. Pr.* R. S. *&c.*

SIR, *Fleet, Dorſetſhire, Dec.* 23. 1733.

ON *Saturday* the 8th of this Inſtant, the Sun ſhining bright, the Weather warm, and Wind at South-Eaſt, ſome ſmall Clouds paſſing, I ſaw ſomething (between Eleven and Twelve) in the Sky, which reſembled a Boy's Paper Kite, which appeared towards the North, and ſoon vaniſhed from my Sight, being intercepted by the Trees which were near the Valley where I was ſtanding. The Colour

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of it was of a pale Brightneſs, like that of burniſhed or new-waſhed Silver. It darted out of my Sight with a ſeeming Coruſcation, like that of Star-ſhooting in the Night; but had a Body much larger, and a Train much longer, than any thing of that Kind I had ever ſeen before. At my coming home, one *Brown* aſſured me, he had ſeen the ſame thing, for the Continuance of a Minute; and that the Body and Train appeared to him to be about twenty Foot long, and ſeemed to him to fall to the Ground ſomewhere about the Kennel-garden, whither I accompanied him in Expectation of finding ſome of thoſe Jellies which are ſuppoſed to owe their Beings to ſuch Meteors: But we might have ſearched long enough, as I underſtood the next Day, when Mr. *Edgcombe* informed me, that he and another Gentleman had ſeen the ſame Appearance at the ſame time about fifteen Miles from us, ſteering the ſame Courſe from Eaſt to the Weſt, and vaniſhed from them between *Walkhampton* and *Oakhampton:* They gave the ſame Account of its Figure, Length and Colour.

XIV. *An Account of a* Luminous Appearance *in the Sky, ſeen at* London *on* Thurſday March 13. 1734-5. *by* John Bevis, *M. D.*

AS I was obſerving *Mars* near a ſmall fixt Star, then in the Weſt, on the Top of my Houſe in *Buckingham-ſtreet*, about five Minutes after Eight, equal Time; happening to turn my Face Southward, I was ſurpriſed with an uncommon bright Glade of